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Farm Interest Assistance Program 1980

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THE ONTARIO FARM INTEREST

1. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this program is to provide financial sasistance to farm operators by reducing the amount of interest payments on operating credit that is borrowed for the planting, growing, harvesting and production of their 1980 crops and livestock for food production.

2. WHO MAY APPLY

Farm owners and operators (1) who are residents of Ontario: (2) who have funds borrowed for operating and short term credit during the 9 month period, April 1 -Dec. 31, 1980 from chartered banks. credit unions and trust companies: (3) who have a percentage of assets owned of less than 75% and (4) the gross agricultural income from the farm was at least \$8000 during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the application. Farm corporations and partnerships may qualify for the same maximum assistance as individual farmers Certification forms will be completed by each applicant.

It may be necessary to provide information pertaining to income and assets.

3. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

The government will provide a subsidy under this program up to a maximum of 3% on short term working capital that is borrowed above 12% annual interest rate. The maximum amount of borrowed funds on which a subsidy is available is \$75,000. The maximum amount of interest assistance is \$1687.50, and not to exceed the actual amount of operating interest in the 9 month period.

4. ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

Funds may be borrowed for the purchase of food producing items, such as seed, fertilizer, fuel, sprays, twine, feeder cattle, feeder pigs, machinery repairs, purchased feed, custom work, hired labour.

Operating monies that are borrowed for the production of non-food items such as tobacco, sod, flowers, are not considered eligible under this program.

5. CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE OF ASSETS OWNED

For calculating assets, include all assets used for farming purposes - land, buildings, equipment, livestock and feed inventories, quotas, etc. Do not include such assets as recreation land or non-farming buildings.

Value farming assets at levels used to obtain the operating loan or loans listed on your application. Do not use speculative values for land and buildings.

An applicant is eligible for interest assistance if the percentage of assets owned is less than 75% at any date during the 9 month period of the program, April 1 - Dec. 31, 1980.

An example calculation is as follows:

- s) 1) Total Liabilities (\$ 90.000) x 100 = [64] % Liabilities Total Assess (\$140.000)
 - 100% less (64) % = (36) % ASSETS OWNED (in example 1, the applicant is sligible since the percentage of assets owne
- b) 1) Total Liabilities (\$.25,000) = 100 = [12.5] % Liabilities Total Assets (\$200,000) 4
 - in example 2, the applicant is not eligible since the percentage of Assets owned is not less than 75%;

6. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING

- a. A Certification form is to be com-
- b. A completed Certification form is to be witnessed and taken to the lending institution where the purposes of the loan, the highest amount borrowed each month and the highest interest rate each month is to be verified by a representative of the lending institution.
- c. After a completed Certification form has been verified by the lending institution, signed by the applicant and witnessed, the form should be forwarded to 'RURAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FO
- d. Applications can be completed and forwarded for payment when the applicant's short term borrowing needs are completed or at the end of the 9 month period.
- Applications to be submitted as soon as possible after December 31, 1980 but not later than March 31, 1981.
- Payments will be made direct to individual applicants.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information is available from County (District) offices of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food and the Rural Development Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food, Parliament Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 181.